

Grand River Sailing Club Regatta

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

AUGUST 22 - 23, 2026
Fairport Harbor, Ohio

Preamble The notation '[DP]' in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of the *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a *rule* means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 -2028*, the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions (SI)
- 1.2** US Sailing Prescriptions to 63.1(b) shall not apply.
- 1.3** In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5(c).
- 1.4** "Class" in these Sailing Instructions is defined as the division within a Fleet (Spinnaker or JAM) to which a boat is assigned on the scratch sheet. Examples of classes are PHRF A, PHRF B, JAM A, J105, and T10.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1** Except for any on the water changes as allowed by SI 2.2, any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, and any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2** In accordance with RRS 90.2(c), changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water via notification on VHF radio channel 80, communicated to each boat before her warning signal.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on
<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/RQ0VDY5JW1/#notice-board>
- 3.2** There is no Skippers Meeting Planned.
- 3.3** A scratch sheet showing the starting sequence and class splits for the Spinnaker and JAM fleets will be available on Saturday morning, at the Grand River Marine Sailing Center "A Dock" pavilion, the MHYC Fuel Dock, and on ClubSpot.

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- 3.4** On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 80.
- 3.5** [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.6** Various race information, including notification of OCS boats after the start, may be provided by the RC as a courtesy to competitors. This does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the RC's visual signals which shall govern the conduct of the racing.
- 3.7** Any communications between race committee personnel or committee boats which may be overheard by competitors shall not be grounds for redress or protest. The Race Committee has no obligation to communicate by marine VHF radio.
- 3.8** [DP][NP] All boats shall check-in with the Race Committee boat displaying the "L" flag before the first warning signal of the day. Each boat shall sail past the committee boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number or boat name until acknowledged by the Race Committee. Please do not use VHF radio to check in.
- 3.9** [DP][NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1** [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the Grand River Marina Sailing Center on the east side of the Grand River and the flagpole directly east of the MHYC club house.
- 5.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

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6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1

Day and Date	Time	Activity
Saturday, August 22	0955	First warning signal for Race 1. Subsequent races to follow Up to 3 races planned for the day
Sunday, August 23	0955	First warning signal for first scheduled Sunday Race. Subsequent races to follow Up to 2 races planned for the day No warning signal will be made after 1300.

6.2 Any races postponed or abandoned will be attempted to be re-sailed the same day.

6.3 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 2.1 or SI 2.2.

Where awards are presented for specific races, scores for additional races do not apply to these awards.

6.4 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for the first race each day is 0955.

6.5 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least one minute before a warning signal is made.

6.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1300.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 Class flags will be posted on the scratch sheet referred to in SI 3.3.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 Races will be sailed to the West of the Grand River entrance, north of Headlands Beach
SI Addendum A shows the location of the racing area.

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9 COURSES

- 9.1** The diagram in SI Addendum A shows the courses, including the approximate angle between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2** No later than the Warning signal, the Race Committee Signal vessel shall display the course designation, distance to the first mark, and an approximate compass bearing of the first leg. The compass bearing may be rounded to the nearest tenth 10° and rounded to two digits (e.g. “23” for 230 degrees).
- 9.3** All CSA and NEOSA classes within a fleet must sail the same course and distance for a race to be scored for the overall (fleet) standings. Also, class results will be scored for CSA and NEOSA if all boats in that class sail the same course and distance in that race.

10 MARKS

- 10.1** The windward mark will be an Orange Tetrahedron. The leeward mark will be an Orange Tetrahedron. The starting mark will be a Yellow Cylinder. The Finish mark will be an Orange Cylinder.
- 10.2** New marks, as provided in SI 12, are Yellow Tetrahedrons.

11 THE START

- 11.1** Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 11.2** The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal vessel at the starboard end and a Yellow Cylinder starting mark at the port-end
- 11.3** [DP]. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. The starting area is defined as the area 200 feet in all directions from the line between the starting mark and the Race Committee Vessel.
- 11.4** If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number and/or name on VHF channel 80. Failure to hail her number or name, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 11.5** A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 11.6** General recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2, except RRS 29.2 is modified as follows: When a class has been recalled, that class will immediately clear the starting area. The first recalled class shall start after the last scheduled start. The warning signal for

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the start of the next scheduled class will be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed (one sound), and the starts for any succeeding classes shall then follow.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

If there is a change to the next leg of a course, it shall be signalled in accordance with RRS 33, with the new mark as defined by SI 10.2. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13 SHORTENING COURSE

13.1 The Race may be shortened at any rounding mark in accordance with the RRS. In the event of a shortened course the finishing line will be between the mark to be rounded and the staff on the RC vessel displaying the Code Flag S.

13.2 If the vessel signalling the race shortening is displaying any class flag, the race is shortened only for those classes whose class flags are displayed. If no class flags are displayed, the race is shortened for all classes.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Signal vessel and an Orange Cylinder as the finishing mark.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

16 TIME LIMIT

16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30 Minutes	2 Hours	20 Minutes

16.2 If no boat in a class has passed Mark 1 within thirty (30) minutes of their start, or if no boat in a class finishes within two (2) hours of their start, the race for that Class shall be abandoned. Failure to meet the time limits shall not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 61.1(a). For overall scores, if any boat in the Division (Spin, Non-Spin) finishes, boats from any class whose race was abandoned will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing

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place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10

- 16.3** The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat in a class sails the course and finishes. Boats of that class failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1** The protest time limit is one (1) hour after the Race Committee Vessel has docked. The docking time of the Race Committee Signal Vessel will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/RQ0VDY5JW1/#notice-board>

- 17.2** Hearing request forms are available at the Grand River Marine Sailing Center “A Dock” pavilion and the MHYC Gas Dock. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.3** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at a remote picnic table, beginning at the time posted.
- 17.4** Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.5** On the final day of the regatta, protests not involving award winners may be heard after the awards presentation.
- 17.6** On the final day of the regatta, any request for redress based on Protest Committee decisions or scoring shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision or score sheet was posted.

18 SCORING

- 18.1** The scoring system is the low point scoring system according to Appendix A.
- 18.2** One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3** A boat’s series score is the total of her race scores. No Races are excluded.
- 18.4** All scoring for the overall awards will be done utilizing the PHRF Time-On-Distance system. Boats racing in one-design classes will be scored using their class PHRF rating.

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19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1** [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. This report may be made by marine radio (VHF channel 80) or in person. Failure to inform the Race Committee after retiring may result in protest against the boat.
- 19.2** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance by the Race Committee before starting or after finishing.

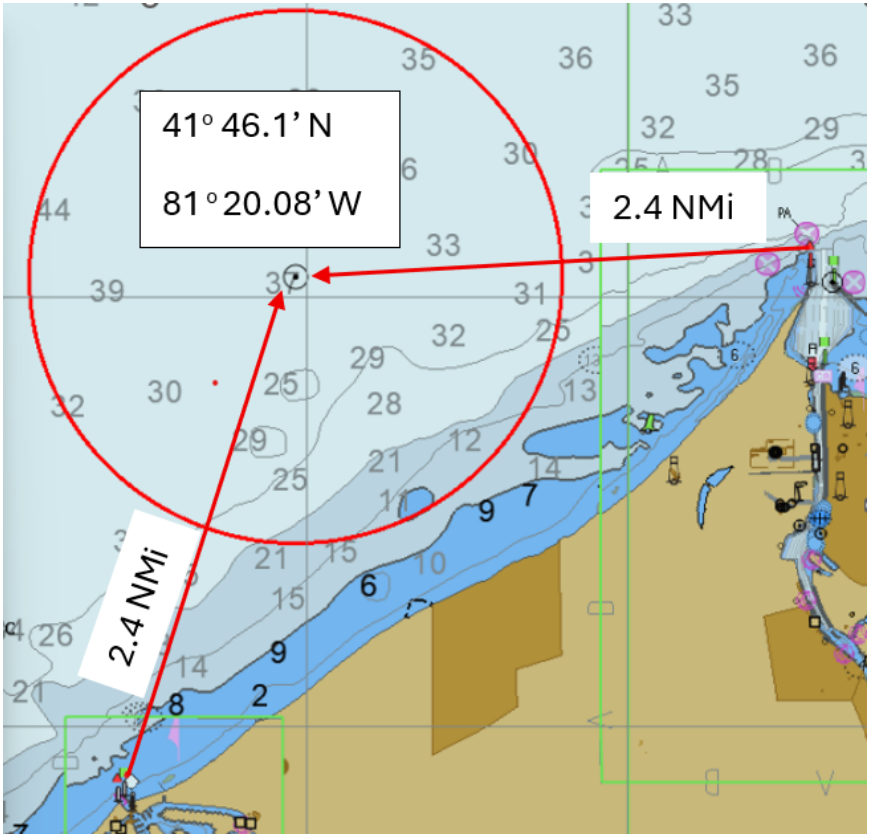
20 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 20.1** [DP] RRS 47 states that a competitor shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This rule applies at all times while afloat. The penalty for a breach of this rule may be less than disqualification.

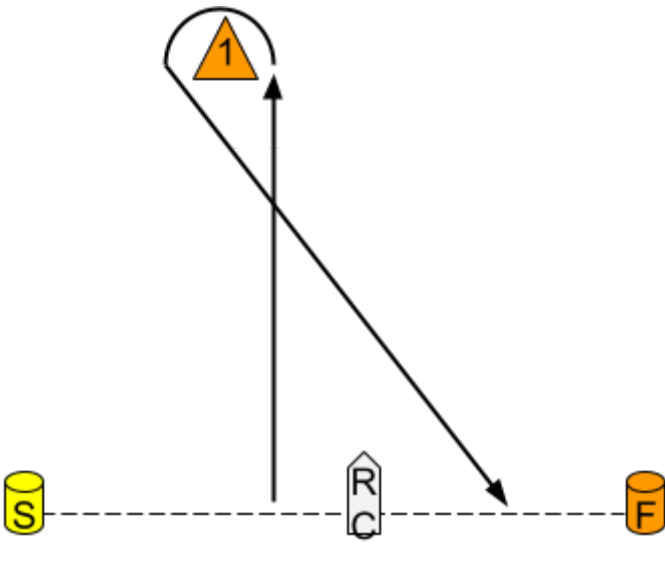
21 PRIZES

- 21.1** All boats racing in the regatta will be divided into two fleets: 1) The Spinnaker fleet consisting of all PHRF boats and other classes racing with spinnakers and 2) the Jib and Main fleet consisting of all JAM classes.
- 21.2** A minimum of starters (3) starters per class will be required to qualify for awards.
- 21.3** All scoring for the overall awards will be done utilizing the PHRF Time-On-Distance system. Boats racing in one-design classes will be scored using their class PHRF rating.
- 21.4** Awards for the Grand River Regatta series and Trophy Races will be presented on Sunday, August 23rd after racing at the Grand River Marine A Dock Pavillion.

Racing Area and Course List



Course A



Course B

